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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTION AND TREATMENT OF PROLIFERATIVE ABNORMALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH OVEREXPRESSION OF HUMAN TRANSKETOLASE LIKE-1 GENE

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to methods for treatment and diagnosis of disorders associated with abnormally proliferating cells. In one aspect the invention relates to methods, which are especially useful for the detection of tumors and their precursory stages based on the detection of overexpression of human transketolase like-1 gene in biological samples. In another aspect the invention relates to methods for treatment of disorders associated with the overexpression of human transketolase like-1 gene. Methods for treatment may include gene therapeutic approaches as well as methods for inhibiting or reducing the activity of transketolase like-1 polypeptides.

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This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 21-27, 30-33 (all partially)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 21-27, 31 and 32 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effect.

Continuation of Box I.1

Claims Nos.: 21-27, 30-33 (all partially)

Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 30, 33 (all partially)

Independent claim 30 refers to a pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of certain types of cancer, defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely the method of claim 29. The claim covers all compositions having this characteristic although the application does not provide support therefor within the meaning of Article 6 PCT. The lack of support/disclosure in the present case is such that any compound used to treat cancer will fall under the scope of protection. Consequently, the search of claim 30 has been limited to any antihistamine compound, inhibitor or transketolase enzyme activity, transketolase like-1 polypeptide or human transketolase like-1 nucleic acid

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